

Transportation in San Diego

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San Diego County residents and visitors are blessed with a rich choice of transportation options representing all primary forms of transport. Central San Diego displays this diversity beautifully. A nearly continuous flow of airplanes descend and depart San Diego International Airport, directly over busy freeways, heavily traveled rail lines, and a harbor bustling with everything from catamarans to cruise ships.

San Diego is located in the most southwestern portion of the continental United States. A short distance to the south, bordering San Diego County, is the country of Mexico. The San Ysidro border crossing between the two countries is the busiest point of entry/exit in the world. Just 120 miles to the north lies the city of Los Angeles.

The climate of San Diego is basically dry and subtropical. Seasonal variations in temperature are slight, with daily average temperatures ranging from the middle 60s in the winter to the middle 70s in the summer. Autumn is usually dry and warm, and spring is on the cooler side with coastal fog, often in the mornings. Humidity is on the low side of the scale all year and rain averages approximately 10 inches annually, mostly from November through April.

San Diego probably comes closest of all the state's cities to symbolizing the California ideal of year-round sunshine, sandy beaches, casual sophistication, and the good life. No other city on the U.S. Pacific Coast so effectively combines the atmosphere of a seaside resort with the amenities of big-city living. The sun shines with delightful regularity throughout the year.

Please feel welcome to the City and County of San Diego as you embark on your new tour of duty. You will find that the people are friendly and helpful. Enjoy the opportunities that abound in the area as you feel more at home.

WELCOME!

Transportation

Services Availability

AUTOMOBILE

Arriving into San Diego by motor vehicle is generally an easy drive. The County of San Diego is served by three major interstate highways, and numerous state highways, several of which are "freeways." The following description is of the county's more popular access routes. For information on current highway conditions, you may call the California Department of Transportation (CalTrans) at (800) 427-7623.

Interstate 5 (I-5)

I-5 is the primary north-south Interstate Highway on the Pacific Coast of the United States, connecting British Columbia, Canada with Baja California, Mexico. It is the main route between San Diego and the Los Angeles-Orange Counties megalopolis.

The I-5 (locally known as the San Diego Freeway) enters San Diego County at San Onofre and follows the coastline past the open spaces and training grounds of the U.S. Marine Corps at Camp Pendleton. After reaching Oceanside, the scenery becomes increasingly urban, with large housing, shopping, and commercial developments along the interstate. Although the freeway is at least four lanes in each direction, commuter traffic is heavy and traffic congestion is a growing problem as northern San Diego County has exploded with growth over the last 15 years.

The I-5 enters the city of San Diego as it passes the Del Mar Racetrack and skirts the communities of La Jolla, University City, and the large University of California at San Diego campus. The freeway passes on through Mission Bay, past Sea World, Old Town, and Lindbergh Field before entering downtown San Diego. As the freeway leaves downtown, it reaches an interchange with the San Diego-Coronado Bay Bridge (State Route 75). The scenery becomes crowded with military and industrial facilities as I-5 heads south through the South Bay communities and cities of National City and Chula Vista before it reaches the border with Mexico at San Ysidro, which is the busiest border crossing in the world. Motorists driving the southern reaches of I-5 should be very alert for pedestrians crossing the freeway in the border area.

Interstate 15 (I-15)

Interstate 15 is another major north-south highway that terminates in San Diego. This freeway, which is four lanes in each direction, connects San Diego to the cities of Riverside, San Bernardino, the high desert, and Las Vegas, Nevada. I-15 is usually not as busy as I-5 and can be used as an alternate between Los Angeles and San Diego, although the distance (142 miles) is approximately 22 miles longer than the I-5 from Los Angeles. (From the eastern areas of the Los Angeles area, the difference is less.)

From the north, the I-15 (called the Escondido Freeway) enters San Diego County just south of Temecula, near the village of Rainbow. At this point, the freeway is four lanes in each direction with a legal speed limit of 65 miles per hour. Rolling hills, agricultural areas, and retirement communities cover the landscape as far south as Escondido. As the freeway heads south past housing developments and shopping malls, I-15 enters the city of San Diego at Rancho Bernardo, a planned sprawl of golf courses, single family homes, and commercial areas. South of Ranch Bernardo are High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lanes which have been added to a six-mile section for vehicles with two or more persons required. These special lanes are only open during the rush hours.

The I-15 crosses Mission Valley and continues south for approximately three miles city streets are used while construction is taking place to route the freeway under the present city streets. The I-15 at that point becomes State Route 15 (SR-15), continuing south to terminate at I-5, just south of downtown San Diego.

Interstate 8 (I-8)

The Interstate 8 (I-8) Highway is an east-west freeway that bisects San Diego County. The highway begins in Casa Grande, Arizona, between Tucson and Phoenix, and then crosses into California at Yuma. It then passes through Imperial County and enters San Diego County at Mountain Spring Pass. Within the county of San Diego, I-8 traverses mountainous areas that contain numerous camping and resort areas in wooded and open terrain. The Laguna Mountains, which the freeway skirts, receive snowfall in the winter months. The I-8 enters the San Diego urban area at El Cajon and passes through some of the most heavily populated areas of the region. This busy freeway serves major recreational and shopping areas such as San Diego-Jack Murphy Stadium, Mission Valley, Fashion Valley, and Hotel Circle, before passing Old Town, Mission Bay, and Sea World, finally terminating in Ocean Beach.

Interstate 805 (I-805)

By definition, a three-digit interstate highway that begins with an even number is a loop or bypass off the main interstate and links up with the main interstate at two points.

Although the I-805 is entirely within San Diego County, this important freeway bypasses downtown San Diego and gives motorists an alternate route from the La Jolla area to San Ysidro. This north-south freeway offers connections with all of San Diego's east-west freeways, as well as I-15 and SR-163, both of which are north-south freeways.

Named the Jacob Dekema Freeway, I-805 is four to five lanes in each direction and usually has good traffic flow, although it does get congested at rush hours. This route should be used for destinations east of downtown San Diego, such as San Diego-Jack Murphy Stadium, San Diego State University, La Mesa, Lemon Grove, El Cajon, and points east. At the southern end of I-805 approaching the international border, motorists should be very alert for pedestrians on or near the traffic lanes. There have been many accidents resulting in fatalities in this area.

State Routes

San Diego County has a well-developed network of state highways. Generally, the even numbered roads run east-west while the odd numbered roads run north-south. Listed below are the state routes that criss-cross the county.

State Route 52 (SR-52)

SR-52 is an important east-west freeway bypass of central San Diego. It runs from I-5 east of La Jolla connecting I-805, SR-163, and I-15. It presently goes to the east county community of Santee.

State Route 54 (SR-54)

SR-54 is an east-west highway, between the cities of National City and Chula Vista, providing a connection between I-5 and I-805.

State Route 67 (SR-67)

SR-67 is a multi-lane freeway from I-8 in El Cajon to Lakeside, then becoming a two-lane highway as it goes north to Poway and Ramona. The highway ends in Ramona at the junction with SR-78.

State Route 75 (SR-75)

SR-75 starts just south of downtown San Diego at I-5 and crosses the San Diego-Coronado Bay Bridge. This multi-lane, two-mile-long toll bridge connects San Diego with Coronado and the North Island Naval Air Station. SR-75 continues south through the city of Coronado and along the ocean to Coronado Cays, Imperial Beach, and I-5. The toll for the Bay Bridge is \$1.00 to west bound vehicles with single occupancy. Vehicles with two or more occupants pay no toll. No charge for heading east from Coronado to San Diego. There are no pedestrians or bicycles allowed on the bridge.

State Route 76 (SR-76)

SR-76 is a two-lane road, starting in Oceanside at the I-5, and running east until just past Lake Henshaw, where it ends at SR-79.

State Route 78 (SR-78)

SR-78 is an east-west multi-lane freeway running between I-5 (Oceanside) and I-15 (Escondido). East of Escondido the road is a two-lane highway passing through Ramona, Julian, the Anza-Borrego Desert area, and Ocatillo Wells. The road continues east into Imperial County and ends at SR-86 at the southern end of the Salton Sea.

State Route 79 (SR-70)

SR-79 is a two-lane state highway that enters San Diego County just south of the Riverside town of Aguanga. This north-south highway traverses mountainous areas as it passes through national forest lands on its way to Warner Springs, Santa Ysabel, Julian, Lake Cuyamaca, and Cuyamaca Ranch State Park, skirting the town of Descanso before it terminates at I-8.

State Route 94 (SR-94)

SR-94, named the Martin Luther King, Jr. Freeway, connects I-5 and downtown San Diego with eastern portions of the city of San Diego and the cities of Lemon Grove and La Mesa. This east-west freeway ends at Spring Valley, but SR-94 continues as a two-lane highway running across the extreme southern portion of San Diego County. The road links the towns of Jamul, Potrero (with a spur to Tecate and a border crossing), and Campo, and it also connects with I-8 near the town of Boulevard.

State Route 163 (SR-163)

SR-163, named the Cabrillo Freeway, is one of San Diego's oldest freeways. From the north, this freeway branches off I-15 near Miramar Naval Air Station and heads south past Montgomery Field, Mission Valley, Fashion Valley, Hotel Circle, Balboa Park and the San Diego Zoo before ending after its junction with I-5 in downtown San Diego. The roadway through Balboa Park takes on a richly landscaped parkway-like appearance (no trucks are permitted during the rush hour).

State Route 274 (SR-274)

SR-274, better known as Balboa Avenue, is a multi-lane surface street that is an east-west route between I-5 and I-15. This busy street has many traffic signals and serves numerous commercial and shopping areas in the Clairemont-Kearny Mesa area of San Diego.

State Route 905 (SR-905)

SR-905, also known as Otay Mesa Road, is an east-west road that is a freeway for approximately three miles east of I-5. This road provides access to Brown Field and the border crossing at Otay Mesa. This is a preferred route to Tijuana International Airport and the industrial area on the Mexican side of the border.

Rail Service

AMTRAK

Rail service to San Diego County is operated by Amtrak. The service enters San Diego County in Oceanside from Los Angeles and stops at seaside communities enroute to the Amtrak Depot on Broadway at Kettner Boulevard in downtown San Diego. From San Diego, there are no direct trains beyond Los Angeles. Anyone traveling beyond Los Angeles must make connections in that city.

Presently there are eight scheduled trains daily from and to Los Angeles. They are usually running on time. The trains stop and will off-load and take on passengers in Del Mar and Oceanside. Two of the trains offer daily connecting service to Santa Barbara through Orange, Los Angeles, and Ventura counties. For more information on Amtrak call, 1-800-USA-RAIL.

For persons wishing to go to Disneyland and not wanting to face that hectic drive, you may take the train from San Diego and get off the train in Anaheim. There is transportation from the Amtrak Depot to Disneyland.

THE COASTER

The Coaster is a rail link of the North County Transit District with the City of San Diego. The clean and modern trains link commuters and residents from Oceanside to San Diego, with stops in Carlsbad (2), Encinitas, Solana Beach, Sorrento Valley, and Old Town. This service is a comfortable, convenient, and dependable way to travel between coastal North County and San Diego.

The Coaster operates Monday through Saturday, except on the following holidays: New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day.

For information on adjoining transit, personalized commute planning, and disabled services, call 800-COASTER (800-262-7837).

Station Locations

OCEANSIDE	♦ Tremont Street (between Michigan and Mission Avenues)
CARLSBAD VILLAGE	♦ Grand Avenue (between Washington and State Streets)
CARLSBAD POINSETTIA	♦ Avenida Encinas and Poinsettia Lane
ENCINITAS	♦ Vulcan Avenue (between Encinitas Boulevard and E Street)
SOLANA BEACH	♦ Coast Highway 101 (at Lomas Santa Fe Drive)
SORRENTO VALLEY	♦ Sorrento Valley Road (beneath I-5 and I-805 merge)
OLD TOWN	♦ Taylor Street (at San Diego and Congress Streets)
SAN DIEGO	♦ Kettner Blvd (between Broadway and B Streets)

There are nine trips daily with an extra two trips added on Friday nights. The first train heading south to San Diego departs Oceanside at 5:30 am. The first train headed north on Monday through Friday is at 6:36 am. There are three trains each way on Saturdays. The fares are based on zones; rides range from \$2.50 for trips within one zone to \$3.25 for trips within all four zones of the system. The price ranges for seniors and disabled are \$1.25 to \$1.60. These prices are for a single trip.

Passes for multiple Coaster rides may be purchased and will allow use of the North County Transit District buses, the San Diego Transit buses, and the San Diego Trolley on an unlimited basis.

Public Transportation

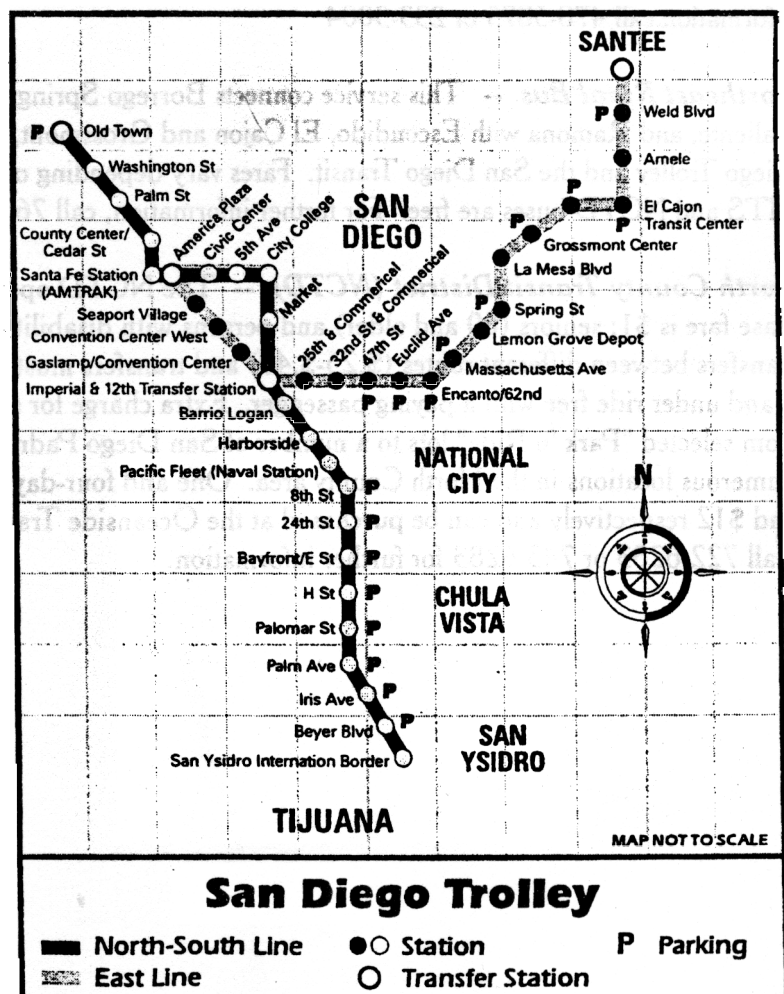
A number of transit operators provide a comprehensive network of public transportation in San Diego County. The Metropolitan Transit System (MTS) operates trolley and bus routes in the city of San Diego and in the southern part of the county, including service to rural areas. North County Transit District (NCTD) serves the northern part of the county.

SAN DIEGO TROLLEY

The San Diego Trolley is a mass commuter rail service, providing service to certain areas of the city of San Diego and east to Santee. The service was started in 1985, and continues its growth into more areas of the county.

The San Diego Trolley started with their route from Kettner Blvd. down C Street to 12th Avenue. It went down 12th Ave to Imperial Avenue then down to the international border. Each station was approximately a one-mile distance from the last. The trolley service was then extended to the east county, via Lemon Grove to El Cajon, then expanded to Lakeside and Santee. The northern route was extended to the County Administration Building (little Italy) area. A spur was added to transit alongside the Bay. This line serves the convention center. The last extension was to the Old Town section of San Diego on the northern route. Presently, construction is underway for the trolley to serve the Fashion Valley and Mission Valley malls and San Diego-Jack Murphy Stadium. Future plans call for further extensions and spurs.

Free parking is provided at stations outside of the downtown areas for persons wishing to ride the trolley. The operating hours of the trolley are from 5 a.m. to 1 a.m., with 15-minute service most of the day. One-way fares range from \$1.00 to \$1.75. Senior citizens (over 60) and persons with disabilities pay \$.75. Tickets are purchased from self-service machines at each station. You may purchase passes to ride the trolley and buses. For more information, call or visit the Trolley Store at 102 Broadway in downtown San Diego. The telephone number is 233-3004. For recorded information on the trolley system, call 231-8549.



BUSES

MTS -- You can obtain information on all MTS buses and trolley lines by getting in touch with the Transit Store, 102 Broadway (corner of First Avenue). Their store hours are Monday through Saturday from 8:30 am to 5:30 pm. Telephone number is 233-3004. The following bus operators are part of the MTS system:

- ♦ San Diego Transit
- ♦ Chula Vista Transit
- ♦ National City Transit
- ♦ County Transit System
- ♦ MTS Contract Operators

The cash fare on MTS buses is \$1.50 for ages 6-59, \$1.75 - \$3. for express buses; seniors (60 and older) and persons with disabilities the fare is \$.75 for local and express service; two children age 5 and under ride free with each paying passenger. Free transfers are valid for one hour. One and four-day passes, called Day Trippers, cost \$4 and \$12 respectively and are good for unlimited use of all bus and trolley lines, as well as the San Diego-Coronado Ferry.

Southeast Rural Bus -- This service connects Jacumba, Campo, Jamul, Pine Valley, Alpine Creek, and Crest with El Cajon and Grossmont, where connections can be made to the San Diego Trolley and San Diego Transit. Fares vary, depending on distance traveled. Transfers to other MTS and NCTD buses are free. For information call 478-5875 or 233-3004

Northeast Rural Bus -- This service connects Borrego Springs, Julian, Oak Grove, Ocotillo Wells, Agua Caliente, and Ramona with Escondido, El Cajon and Grossmont, where connections can be made to the San Diego Trolley and the San Diego Transit. Fares vary depending on the distance traveled. Transfers to other MTS and NCTD buses are free. For further information, call 765-0145 or 233-3004.

North County Transit District (NCTD) -- The NCTD operates routes north of the city of San Diego. Base fare is \$1; seniors (60 and older) and persons with disabilities with ID card, \$.50. There is a charge for transfers between different routes (\$.25-\$.40) and transfers must be used on the next available bus. Children 5 and under ride free with a paying passenger. Extra charge for some express routes including special buses from selected "Park 'n Ride" lots to a number of San Diego Padres baseball games. Passes are available at numerous locations in the North County area. One and four-day "Day Tripper" passes are also available at \$4 and \$12 respectively and can be purchased at the Oceanside Transit Center or the Escondido Transit Center. Call 722-6283 or 743-6283 for further information.

THE BEST OF SAN DIEGO BY BUS AND TROLLEY *(within the city limits)*

You can get to almost anywhere in San Diego County by either the bus or the trolley. Depending on where you live, the following information is provided. You would need to connect with these routes from the downtown area. Try going on an adventure over one of your weekends for the fun of seeing and learning about different areas in the San Diego area.

Catch A Fun Ride

San Diego's a big city - the sixth largest in the country. This means there are lots of cars on the streets and freeways, and just as many crowding into parking places every place you want to go.

Better by Bus and Trolley

It's so much easier and more pleasant to get around by bus and trolley. You can relax. Enjoy the sights. Don't worry about getting lost or figuring out the map. And you can pocket the difference between renting a car and riding the bus and trolley. (It will be a big difference.) For all the information you will need to go to all the fun places San Diego offers you, stop by The Transit Store, located at the corner of First Avenue and Broadway, downtown. You can call for information at 233-3004. For routing information for the hearing impaired only, call the teletype service, InfoExpress at 234-5005. You can also get information on what the fares will be for your transit experience.

The San Diego Trolley

Catch the North-South Line of the San Diego Trolley and you'll be at the International border in less time than you might imagine. The San Diego Trolley will give you a scenic tour from the Old Town Transit Center, located at Pacific Highway and Taylor Street, to the station in San Ysidro. You'll pass through "Little Italy" on the way to Downtown San Diego, National City, and Chula Vista.

The trolley is the way to go to avoid long waits at the border and the driving hassles. There's plenty of free parking at the Old Town Transit Center, as well as at Trolley stations in National City and Chula Vista. Another parking option is the MTS tower garage at 12th and Imperial -- you park all day for just \$6.

Just look for the Trolley marked "San Ysidro." It will take you to the border. From there, it's an easy walk or cab ride to the sights, shops, and restaurants of Tijuana. For Trolley information, visit The Transit Store, First and Broadway, downtown, or call 233-3004, or for hearing impaired 234-5005.

BEACHES

There are more than 70 miles of white, sandy - and free - public beaches that stretch from one end of the San Diego coastline to the other. Enjoy the best the Pacific Ocean has to offer. You can get the beach and surf report by calling 221-8884.

***La Jolla* ♦ Routes 30, 34/34A**

This is one of the world's most famous resort areas and features the beauty and serenity of La Jolla Cove. At low tide, the tidepools offer fascinating discoveries. The area boasts good swimming, skin-diving, and sunbathing.

***Pacific Beach* ♦ Routes 9, 27, 30, 34/34A**

Along with the beach, this is a popular community with plenty of restaurants dotting the boardwalk. You will find natives and tourists alike walking, jogging, and biking, as well as enjoying the breathtaking ocean views.

***Mission Beach* ♦ Routes 34/34A**

Mission Beach offers an impressive choice of ocean or bayside beaches, along with the beautiful Mission Bay Park. Choose grassy, treed expanses of lawn or the white sand for picnics and sunny fun. You can fish, swim, boat, or sun to your heart's delight.

***Ocean Beach* ♦ Routes 23, 35**

Ocean Beach is a clearly marked strip just north of the jetty with the longest fishing pier on the Pacific Coast. This concrete pier, 2,220 feet long, is floodlit for night fishing. In addition to fishing, Ocean Beach offers good sunbathing and people watching.

MAJOR SHOPPING CENTERS

There are many shopping centers in the City of San Diego and in the outlying areas. Listed below are the three major shopping centers in the City of San Diego.

Horton Plaza ♦ Routes

Most Downtown bus routes and the San Diego Trolley

Horton Plaza is a seven-city-block shopping experience with some of the most exciting contemporary architecture in the country. In addition to more than 120 specialty shops, restaurants, eateries, and theaters, the shopping center has Nordstrom, Macy's, and Mervyns department stores. Regular hours are Monday through Friday (10 am to 9 pm), Saturday (10 am to 6 pm), and Sunday (11 am to 6 pm). Extended summer and holiday hours. For information, call 239-8180.

Fashion Valley ♦ Routes 6, 13, 16, 20, 25, 41, 81

This shopping center, in the heart of San Diego's hotel, restaurant, and entertainment row, is one of the city's key shopping centers, featuring Neiman-Marcus, Nordstrom, Robinsons-May, Macy's, Sak's Fifth Avenue, and J.C. Penney, along with 141 fashion and specialty shops. The center is open Monday to Friday (10 am to 9 pm), Saturday (10 am to 7 pm), and Sunday (noon to 5 pm). For information, call 297-3381.

Mission Valley Center ♦ Routes 6, 13, 25, 81

Mission Valley Center is surrounded by restaurants, theaters, hotels, and motels. The shopping center consists of 125 specialty and fashion shops, plus three major department stores – Macy's, Robinsons-May, and Montgomery Ward. Mission Valley Center is open Monday to Friday (10 am to 9 pm), Saturday (10 am to 6 pm), and Sunday (11 am to 6 pm). For information, call 296-6384.

University Towne Center ♦ Routes 5, 30, 34/34A, 41, 50, 150

Just east of La Jolla, UTC offers more than 176 fine shops, restaurants, theaters, and services, as well as four major department stores – Macy's, Nordstrom, Robinsons-May, and Sears. The center is open Monday to Friday (10 am to 9 pm), Saturday (10 am to 7 pm), Sunday (11 am to 6 pm). Extended summer and holiday hours. For information, call 546-8858.

VISITING THE LOCAL RECREATION PARKS AND AREAS

San Diego's primary business is the tourist. The area is full of recreation parks and museums to attend. You can get to all of them by utilizing the buses and the trolley system. You can meet very interesting local residents on the public transit system which could add to your experience. Listed below are some of the attractions you may find exhilarating for you.

San Diego Zoo ♦ Routes 7/7A/7B

The San Diego Zoo is a 100-acre park in the center of the downtown section of the city. The zoo has the world's most exotic animal collection -- from the cuddly koalas to rare Komodo dragons, adorable pygmy chimpanzees to majestic gorillas, and to the rare panda bears. The 4,000 animals live in barless enclosures that resemble their natural homes. A special Children's zoo has a nursery and petting area. Tour the zoo by foot, guided open-air buses, or the Skyfari aerial tramway. Open daily (9 am to dusk). Extended hours in the summer. For information and admission fees, call 234-3153.

Sea World ♦ Route 9

This 80-acre marine park on San Diego's Mission Bay is home to Shamu, the killer whale; dolphins and otters in the Rocky Point Preserve; seals; sharks; and several species of penguins residing in a uniquely recreated Antarctic environment. Twenty major attractions and exhibits, six shows, plus the two-acre Cap'n Kids' World playground. Open daily 9 am to dusk. For admission fees, call 226-3901.

Cabrillo National Monument ♦ Route 26

From this vantage point you will get spectacular views of San Diego harbor, the ocean, the city, and the mountains. This monument commemorates Juan Rodriguez Cabrillo's discovery on September 28, 1542, of what is now California. The old Point Loma Lighthouse has been restored to its 1850's appearance. Open daily (9 am to 5:15 pm). Extended summer hours. For information and admission fees, call 557-5450.

Old Town ♦ Route 5, 6, 8, 9, 26, 28, 34/34A, 35, 44, 81, Trolley and Coaster

Here, the Mexican California flavor of the mid-1800's lives. Features colorful shops, flavorful restaurants and an interesting medley of sights, especially in Bazaar del Mundo. Presidio Park, with the Serra Museum and Library, overlooks Old Town.

Balboa Park ♦ Route 7/7A/7B

With 1,400 acres, Balboa Park is the largest park in the country. The park's miles of garden walks pass delightful period architecture, the International Aerospace Hall of Fame (234-8291), the Reuben H. Fleet Space Theater and Science Center (238-1233), the Museum of Man (239-2001), the acclaimed Old Globe Theatre (234-5623), botanical gardens, fountains, and more. The park dates back to 1914 when the original Spanish-style structures were built for the Pan-Pacific Exposition, celebrating the opening of the Panama Canal. Facilities in the park are open at various hours. The park itself is free to visit, however, the museums and theatres do charge an admission fee, except for specific Tuesdays of each month. Please call park institutions for more details.

Seaport Village ♦ Routes 7/7a/7B and the Bayside Trolley

Seventy-five one-of-a-kind shops, Harbor House, Luigi al Mare, San Diego Pier Cafe and Jolly Roger restaurants, and 13 theme cafes in 14 acres fronting San Diego Bay. There are 4 miles of walkways plus a quarter-mile boardwalk with changing view of San Diego's waterfront. Also located in this park in a restored 1890 carousel. Open daily. For information, call 235-4014.

San Diego Museum of Art & Natural History Museum ♦ Routes 7/7a/7B

Museums for all ages to enjoy. These two museums, located in Balboa Park, have received international recognition and feature fine collections as well as changing exhibitions. There is an admission fee for each museum, except on selected Tuesdays when admission is free. Museum of Art (232-7931), open Tuesday through Sunday (10 am to 4:30 pm); Natural History Museum (232-3821), open daily (9:30 am to 6:30 pm) Call for more information on fees, free days, and extended hours.

Maritime Museum ♦ Routes 2, 4, 15, 20, 23, 29, 115

Tour the famous Star of India (1863), the oldest iron-hulled sailing ship afloat, the ferryboat Berkeley (1898), and the steam yacht Medea (1904) which portrays yachting luxury at the turn of the century. On the Embarcadero at the waterfront. Open daily (9 am to 8 pm). There is an admission fee. Call 234-9153 for more information.

Stephen Birch Aquarium Museum ♦ Routes 34

Inside you will find 3,000 colorful fish from the cold waters of the Pacific Northwest to the tropical waters of Mexico. Outside is a rocky tidepool featuring local sea animals and a spectacular view of the La Jolla shoreline. Museum with interactive displays. Bookshop with more than 1,500 books and gifts. Open daily (9 am to 5 pm) Call 534-3474 for more details and price of admission.

Mission San Diego de Alcala ♦ Routes 13

Built in 1769, California's first mission has been authentically restored and contains many relics of its early mission days. Open daily from 9 am to 5 pm. For questions and admission fee, call 281-8449.

Gaslamp Quarter ♦ Routes (Most downtown bus routes and the San Diego Trolley)

The 16-1/2 block 38-acre Gaslamp Quarter is in the heart of San Diego's downtown, stretching from Broadway to the waterfront. This National Historic District has more than 90 commercial-style Victorian buildings that now house some of the city's finest dining and entertainment establishments. Architecturally, the Quarter is considered to have some of the very best Victorian-style commercial buildings constructed in San Diego during the 50 years between the Civil War and World War I.

Take your pick from the 60 or so restaurants and nightclubs, featuring an ethnic selection to accommodate every budget -- from expensive to moderate to fast food. The Gaslamp Quarter also attracts serious shoppers, with everything from antiques in smaller shops to huge antique malls to the trendiest clothing and Horton Plaza, a focal point in the Gaslamp quarter.

INTERSTATE BUSES

Greyhound Bus Lines -- Offers service to the following cities in San Diego county. Within the city of San Diego, Greyhound buses arrive and depart from the depot at First Avenue and Broadway. For information on arrivals and departures, contact the Greyhound ticket offices at the following locations:

San Diego	120 West Broadway	239-9171
Oceanside	205 S. Tremont Street	722-1587
Chula Vista	234 Third Avenue	422-9211
El Cajon	250 S. Marshall Ave	444-2591
Escondido	700 W Valley Pkwy	745-6522
San Ysidro	799 E San Ysidro Blvd	428-1194

OTHER

Old Town Trolley Tours -- This two-hour narrated bus tour of San Diego and Coronado covers many points of interest. Passengers may exit and reboard free at any of ten stops, including Old Town, The Embarcadero, Seaport Village, Horton Plaza, Coronado, the San Diego Zoo, and Balboa Park. The tours operate daily every 30 minutes beginning at 9 a.m. The fare is \$15 for adults; children 6-12 is \$7; under 6 are free. For more information, call 298-8687.

Ferry -- The San Diego-Coronado Ferry runs between the dock at Broadway and Harbor Drive in downtown San Diego to the Old Ferry Landing at B Avenue and First Street in Coronado. The ferry leaves San Diego on the hour and Coronado on the half hour. The crossing takes 15 minutes. Operates Sunday through Thursday (9 a.m. to 10 p.m.) and Friday and Saturday (9 am to 11 pm). One-way fare is \$2 per person; bicycles are \$.55 extra. Call 595-1490 or 234-4111.

Harbor Hopper Ferry -- Mission Bay schedules nine stops, including Sea World on Mission Bay. One-way fare is \$3. Phone 523-2244 for hours.

Taxicabs -- There are numerous taxicab companies in San Diego County. Rates are regulated by the individual cities. Generally, rates start at approximately \$2 to \$3 for the first mile and \$1 to \$2 for each extra mile. Refer to the local yellow pages of the telephone directory under "Taxi" for phone numbers and information.

Air Transportation

San Diego International Airport (Lindburgh Field) -- Located approximately three miles northwest of downtown San Diego, on Harbor Drive. Presently there is a large expansion project underway that includes the addition of a new terminal building, more parking areas, and improved road access to the airport.

San Diego International Airport offers direct passenger service to many cities throughout California, the United States, and Mexico. All major airlines have offices in the San Diego Airport terminals or there are toll-free numbers that you can call for information and to make reservations to anywhere you may want to go.

The airport operates daily from 5:30 am to 11:30 pm with an occasional late night/early morning flight. The reason behind this schedule is so the people living adjacent to the airport can sleep at night. The only night landings are by planes that have the quieter engines.

Lindburgh Field also has corporate jets and some small aircraft used for personal business. Most of the smaller aircraft use the smaller airports located throughout the county.

Palomar Airport -- Located in north county in Encinitas. This airport is used for small commuter aircraft.

Montgomery Field -- Located seven miles north of downtown San Diego, off Aero Drive. This airport has one carrier, National Air, and offers scheduled and charter service to destinations such as Catalina Island and the Grand Canyon. Call 292-7311 for more details.

Gillespie Field -- Located in the city of El Cajon, this airport is for commuter airplanes and also private aircraft. For more information, call 596-3000.

Brown Field -- Located just north of the Mexican border on Otay Mesa, about 14 miles southeast of downtown San Diego, is a general aviation airport. For more details, call 690-8355.